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## Darwin Day: Scientists gather to celebrate evolutionary biology



MCT campus photo

► **By Miranda Lorenc**  
senior writer

What historical figure can be found on money, is taught about in schools all over and celebrates his birthday Feb. 12?

Though Abraham Lincoln might come to mind first, he shares a birthday with Charles Darwin, author of “The Origin of Species” and founder of the theory of natural selection.

Born Feb. 12, 1809, Charles

Darwin is celebrated for his achievements through an event called Darwin Day.

“It’s a recognition of Darwin’s contributions, celebrated on his birthday and around the world,” said Edmund Brodie, professor and executive director of program development of the college of science. “Biologists get together, have a party, talk about Darwin, talk about evolution, so on.”

The reason behind it, Brodie said, is because of

Darwin’s discovery of the theory of natural selection, which is considered the unifying principle of all life sciences by explaining the reason for the diversity of life.

Biology graduate student, Shab Mohammadi, feels that part of the celebration of Darwin Day is about his intellectual bravery in publishing his findings.

“He’s kind of a hero, honestly, to a lot of biologists,” she said. “I mean at that time, what he discovered was com-

pletely against the religious beliefs of his time and coming out publicly with that, he got a lot of backlash. He was mocked and nobody believed him except for maybe his close colleagues.”

In 1959, Darwin published the first edition of his “Origin of Species,” which had two main purposes, said Frank Messina, a professor in the department of biology.

The first was to confirm the theory of evolution through overwhelming evi-

dence.

“He compiled all this evidence, this massive amount of evidence from different areas of science that all forced everyone, everyone in science to read his book and look at all this evidence for evolution,” Messina said, “and it was so convincing that by the time he wrote his sixth edition in 1872, there were almost no professional biologists who doubted that life had evolved on earth.”

The second purpose of

“The Origin of the Species,” Messina said, was to introduce natural selection as the driving force for the evolutionary changes that make species better adapted to their environment.

This theory wasn’t as easily accepted as evolution, however.

“It pretty much took until the people started understanding genetics before they understood how natu-

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## Dating Doctor discusses relationships

► **By Mandy Morgan**  
senior writer

Dating Doctor David Coleman talked about dating and relationships during Common Hour on Wednesday. Coleman has made numerous appearances over the years at Utah State University, sharing about how to improve, start or better understand relationships and dating.

Coleman began by sharing that he was recently interviewed by Perez Hilton, and when asked his top five favorite schools to visit, USU was one of them.

“Honest to goodness, I think you’re my favorite school,” Coleman said. “I love you. You’re so nice. You’re grounded. You’re humble. You’re slightly nuts. It’s fun.”

When the event was being organized there was advertising which indicated exclusion of LGBT couples, due to the focus of the show being on how to better understand the opposite sex. However, that was changed in order to include all interested in learning about dating, no matter their sexual orientation.

“I’m going to try to be as inclusive ... as I can possibly be,” Coleman said. “I’m gonna talk about men — things that turn men on, how to tell if a guy is inter-



Kelsie Lott photo

**DATING DOCTOR DAVE COLEMAN** spoke to Utah State students and faculty about relationships in the Taggart Student Center during Common Hour on Wednesday.

ested in you. If you prefer men, I would focus on that part of the show. I will then talk about women — things that turn women on, how to tell if a woman is interested in you. If you prefer women, I would focus on that part of the show.”

One topic Coleman

highlighted was that of a “campus culture of consent” to teach students to understand what consent in a physical relationship means.

“(This culture is) before two people jump into anything physically ... they have a responsible conversation as adults,” Coleman

said. “Can I kiss you? Can I touch you?” And the answers that you get to these conversations is the answer that you live by.”

Coleman emphasized that this has been a serious issue that universities everywhere are working to address and improve. It cannot ever be assumed

that there is consent, and being aware can help people have healthier relationships and dating lives, he said.

As for Coleman’s view on Valentine’s Day, he believes that “the definition of romance is to perform an ordinary act of love or kindness at an unexpected time.”

“What’s unexpected about Valentine’s Day?” he said.

He suggested that anyone in a relationship should give their significant other a gift on Feb. 13, with a handwritten note that says, “No one as special as you should have to wait another day,” to beat Valentine’s Day hype. He also encouraged singles to have Singe Awareness Day parties and bring other singles to come and mingle.

Coleman discussed the The ABC’s of Initial Attraction, “the four things you look for in the first five minutes that you meet someone.”

“The first thing is attraction. ... The B stands for believability,” Coleman said. “In the first couple minutes you spend with

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## Professor shares insights in book form

► **By Levi Henrie**  
staff writer

Since Mike Glauser’s 2014 cross-country bike tour, visiting 100 business along with way, he’s been pondering the practices entrepreneurs utilize that allow them to be successful.

Now he’s sharing his insights in a new book “Building your dream on Mainstream America: How to create a great company living where you love, doing what you love,” scheduled for release early next year.

“The purpose of the book is to teach people how to create their own jobs and their own companies,” said Glauser, director of the Jeffrey D. Clark Center for Entrepreneurship

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## USU opens microscope lab



Thakary Minson photo

(LtoR) FEN ANN SHEN, Mark McLellan, John Shervais and Jeff Broadbent introduce a new microscope lab in the Science Engineering Research Building on Wednesday.

► **By Jeffrey Dahdah**  
news editor

Utah State University cut the ribbon for a microscope lab in the Science Engineering Research Building Wednesday. The lab is open to students and researchers from any department.

It features a new environmental-scanning electron microscope, or an ESEM. The microscope scans material, which can be in a variety of states, and creates images of it. Scanned materials are put into a chamber, which allows for gaseous materials to be scanned also.

"We have a really nice new instrument," said John Shervais,

manager of the lab and geology professor. "This is state of the art. This really is about as good as they get right now in scanning electron microscopes."

Space for the lab was provided by the College of Science and the renovation was paid for by university overhead. Major funding for the equipment was attained through faculty-awarded grants.

In the past, researchers would have to go to other universities to use an ESEM.

"It is something that we have needed for a long time," Shervais said. "This is a very fundamental instrument for a range of different things."

Students, both graduate and

undergraduate, are encouraged to use the new microscope.

"We now have funding in place to support graduate students and undergraduate students to have, in essence, unlimited access and training to this facility right here," said Mark McLellan, vice president for research at USU. "It is part of our commitment to blend and really accentuate the graduate training and the undergraduate research experience."

Shervais said this is another opportunity for students to gain experience in research.

"Students are really the foot soldiers in the research effort. They are the ones who come out of the trenches and go into the machine

gun fire," he said. "They do the work."

Shervais also said being able to use the microscope will make students more appealing to employers.

"I've had students use instruments that I've had and get jobs on the basis of the fact that they had that experience," he said. "If they weren't using that instrument, it's like, 'Well if you can do that, then we can teach you to use pretty much any of these things here.'"

Fen Ann Shen, technician for the microscope, said USU allowing students to use this microscope is a unique opportunity.

"A lot of universities don't allow students to use new ones," Shen

said. Shen will be in the lab full time to help both students and researchers use the ESEM.

"You can't run this type of facility without someone like Fenn Ann who really knows how to make it work," Shervais said. "You can't just come in and look at the manual and say, 'Well I think I'll try this.' For one thing, you'll break it, but it takes a long time to get to know how to get the most out of it."

How often students will use the lab and equipment is unclear, but McLellan stressed that it is available to them and hope students will seize the opportunity.

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## Darwin

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ral selection works," Messina said.

Charles Darwin began to develop this idea during his voyage on the HMS Beagle, which was on an expedition to chart the coastline of South America. As a natu-

ralist, Darwin made observations on geology and collected specimens to send back to England.

It was on the Galapagos Island where Darwin began to formulate the idea of adaptive evolution as he saw differences in the characteristics of birds and tortoises among the different islands. He speculated that these slight differences meant that they

shared a common ancestor and had evolved to better survive their environment.

This idea was different than the popular belief at the time, proposed by Jean-Baptiste Lamarck, which was that each organism evolved independently into higher, more complex forms.

"The Origin of Species," the book, was published in 1859, and that really was

the starting point of people studying evolution by natural selection," Brodie said, "and we still study natural selection and how it affects different populations."

Depending on the college or group, Darwin Day is celebrated through small social gatherings to big public symposiums with guest speakers in the field of evolutionary biology. Some areas don't

even do anything other than mention it through Facebook, said Mohammadi.

"It's not like Easter or Halloween," she said. "It's not something that's nationwide. It's not as big of a deal as other holidays are. It's just kind of an acknowledgment holiday because he's a cool guy. He deserves some acknowledgment."

In addition to acknowledg-

ing Darwin's achievements and bravery, Mohammadi said celebrating Darwin Day is also a way to remember the importance of reporting discoveries despite obstacles in the way. "It doesn't matter what the discovery is," Mohammadi said, "A discovery is a discovery."

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# Book

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at USU. “More of us are going to have to be self employed in the future.”

In a presentation Tuesday night in the Eccles Conference Center, Glauser introduced topics that will be touched on in his book, such as the importance of thinking positively and having a clear purpose among others.

“Those who have a ‘why’ to live for can endure any ‘how,’” Glauser said, quoting Viktor Frankl.

Glauser said one of the benefits of starting a business oneself is that it can make you feel happier and more secure.

“There’s a ton of research that shows people are happier if they control their own future,” Glauser said. “If you have your own business and you know that you don’t have to rely on someone else to take care of you, you’re going to feel more secure and satisfied.”

While Glauser’s book will include information on various facets of entrepreneurship, the focus will be why and how one should start their own business.

Students from many majors, including those outside of the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, agreed that knowing how to start a business will benefit them in their lives.

“I’m one of those girls that always

wants to open up a cute bakery or some sort of business,” said Sadie Hughes, a freshman majoring in English. “I really don’t know anything about business. I just know you have to really be prepared.”

Glauser said many people share Hughes’s notion that being prepared is important in entrepreneurship, even going so far as to call fear of unpreparedness the greatest obstacle prospective business owners face.

“Most people that decide they want to be entrepreneurs are fearful that they can’t do it, and they lack the confidence,” he said. “As soon as they find the key principles to success and follow them, they gain confidence and believe, ‘Hey, I can do this.’”

In 2016, the public will have the opportunity to learn these principles with the release of Glauser’s book.

“I ... want to know what other people have experienced,” Hughes said. “When I sign up for classes, I ask people if they’ve taken it before, so like that, I would want to get other people’s ideas before starting a business.”

Jeff Johnson, a senior majoring in economics, said he think it will be an interesting read.

“For me it’s really important to hear from people that are successful in business to learn from their mistakes and their successes,” Johnson said.

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**MIKE GLAUSSER DISCUSSES HIS BIKE TRIP** across the country last summer. Glausser spoke to small business owners in various towns while trekking across the country and is turning his experiences into a book.

# Dating

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them, do their words seem sincere and true and genuine to you? The C stands for chemistry. Chemistry is every type of attraction for another person, besides physical. Could they put a smile on your face? Do they make you laugh? ... The D stands for desire. It’s ... the desire to get to know them better.”

Afton Strong, a freshman studying elementary education, heard about the event from a friend.


“I thought it was awesome,” Strong said. “I think everyone needs to hear what he had to say, I liked ‘Quit being a creature of habit,’ because ... I know for me, I do the same thing every day. I don’t go out of my way to go to new activities, and then I don’t really get to meet new people.”

When addressing a question about getting out of the “friend zone,” Coleman addressed the concept of being in the same predictable daily schedule. By not always being in the same places, a potential date has to put forth more effort to see someone they have “friend-zoned” because they have taken for granted that they always know where they’ll run into each other, he said.


“College students are the worst creatures of habit that have ever walked the planet Earth,” Coleman said. “Shake your lives up a little bit. You want to get out of the friend zone? Make people make an effort to see you. I want you to run around campus like you are a sold-out concert, and there are no tickets left.”

To learn more about Coleman and his work as the Dating Doctor, visit his website at [datingdoctor.com](http://datingdoctor.com).


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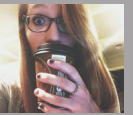
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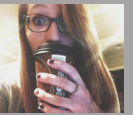
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## Valentine date disasters



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### Proof being alone can be better than being poorly accompanied

► **By Sadie Herrera**  
staff writer

Valentine's Day is the universal day of love, marked with giant teddy bears and flowers parading around town.

However, the famous day also houses memories of disaster for some, whether the issues stem from a misunderstanding or the incorrect measure in footwear.

Kyler Genereaux, a sophomore in political science, ended a casual date night with a few regrets.

"I took a girl ice skating but wasn't as good as I remembered," Genereaux said. "I got skates a size too big so I ended up falling on my face three times before she finally suggested we go get some hot chocolate and pretend like that never happened. How I didn't up with a bloody nose I will never know."

Dillon Ellis, a freshman studying nursing, also felt the pain of a night going awry.

"One month before prom, my date can-

celed on me," Ellis said. "Then I was in a scramble to find another date to avoid going stag. My friend knew of one girl that was without a date, so I asked her to the prom the same way I had asked my original date."

Ellis said when the day of the dance came and they got together for the date, his new date was "grinding out insults on (his) ex," which he found off-putting. He said the more time went on, the more reserved she became.

"When we picked her up for the actual dance, she was down to one-word sentences. Once we were at the dance, she

disappeared," he said.

Ellis said he spent around 20 minutes trying to find her, and when he did, she was with his ex-girlfriend and a few other girls.

"My friend's date decided to go talk to her, and that quickly turned into a screaming match. I ran over and broke it up and took my date to the dance floor," he said. "We

danced for half of a slow song. She was back to being silent, so I asked if she was OK. She started bawling and screamed 'Listen, I just can't be with you right now. Give me a break,' at which point I threw my hands in the air and said, 'That's not

the point. I'm leaving,' then just walked home."

Aside from a quarrel between mismatched lovers, there have also been simple issues on dates, particularly on Valentine's Day, when a waiter took a wrong turn.

English major and sophomore Taylor Jenkins witnessed firsthand an awkward Valentine's Day dinner in this way.

"I was on a date with this guy, and we went to Olive Garden because I mean, hey, it's Olive Garden," Jenkins said. "We went through the whole dinner. Everything was going great, you know. We were going to go see a movie. It was all going to be a good date and then dessert came. He was checking his phone and my dessert was set in front of me and there was an engagement ring on it. This was our second date."

After seeing the ring, Jenkins proceeded to excuse herself to the bathroom.

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**TAYLOR JENKINS**  
SOPHOMORE

“My dessert was set in front of me and there was an engagement ring on it. This was our second date.”



Photo courtesy Joe Fudge/Newport News Daily Press/MCT

## Don't break the bank

### Seven ideas to keep your date and your wallet happy

► **By Manda Perkins**  
asst. news editor

Want to take go out on a date but don't have the cash? Or maybe you and your significant other are waiting for your next paycheck to do something expensive. Whether you're in a relationship or casually dating, college students are always on the lookout for cheap dates. Here's a list of date ideas that cost less than \$15:

#### 1. Make personal pizzas:

If you're sick of going out to eat, turn your kitchen into a pizzeria. If you're a culinary magician, try making your own dough. Pre-made pizza dough is also an option —

Pillsbury sells a variety of thick-nesses. Load up with cheese and veggies or be creative and try some bacon.

#### 2. Build a fort

Who isn't a sucker for an old-fashioned blanket fort? Use your living room furniture and clean blankets to make a tent. Youtube has great suggestions if you've lost your childhood charm. Bring in a laptop and watch your favorite Netflix show.

#### 3. Get lucky

Take a 20-minute drive to Idaho and purchase a lottery ticket. On your way, stop at Pepperidge Farm and grab some Goldfish and cook-

ies.

#### 4. Go on a photo adventure

Ditch your smart phone or DSLR, snag a disposable camera. Take it to the park or up the canyon, then develop the film together at Walmart or Walgreens.

#### 5. Make a furry friend

This takes some preemptive effort, but it's worth your time. The Cache Humane Society has a volunteer program and, once you go through a short training, you will be eligible to "rent a dog" for a few hours. You can take it on a hike or just a quick walk. Either way, you'll get

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## How to escape the friend zone

**Alyssa Hawkins**



**She says**

To Guys: How many times have you heard, "it's not you. It's me," or even, "you're such a great friend," and realized you totally just got demoted to the friend zone?

The friend zone is a very big gray area in any relationship, and getting there can be painful. As devastating as it can be to be friend zoned, you have to realize that girls have a lot more control over the relationship than we sometimes may give ourselves credit for.

You also have to know that she probably put you in the friend zone for a reason — to be friends. Although she doesn't see how great you are in one particular way, you can still be friends. While she goes off and dates other guys, who are most likely jerks comparatively, you can be

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**Colten Van Tussenbrook**



**He says**

First off, you never should have let yourself get sucked into the black hole we like to call the friend zone. When the girl you like started calling you "dude" and fist bumping you when you went out to lunch, you should have known you were headed down a slippery slope.

Now this girl, most likely the girl of your dreams, thinks of you as just "a good guy" and "almost like a brother." What have you done?

There is a solution. I'm not saying it's easy or even 100 percent effective. I am, however, saying that it's been known to work. You can't expect just to flirt with this girl and think that she'll eventually come around. Girls love to be flirted with and will often times reciprocate the flirting. This doesn't mean that she's into you. Let's all

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# ‘Jupiter Ascending’ falls way short of expectations

“Jupiter Ascending,” starring Channing Tatum and Mila Kunis, was an average film at best.

It’s good that the Wachowskis brothers chose to move the release of the film from the middle of last summer to the earlier this year. This allowed them to clean up more than 2,000 special effects, which are about the only things worth going to see.

“Jupiter Ascending” starts with a humble beginning as Jupiter Jones (Kunis) cleans homes with her mother for a living in Chicago. As the film goes on, we find out that Jones isn’t who she thinks she is. Rather, she is a member of a royal space family who wants to manipulate her in an effort to control another portion of space, specifically Earth.

The complex nature of the story and how the royal family’s lineage and structure work seem to be oversimplified for the big screen. I think this film would have worked a lot better as a book, so as to expand on how this universe functions.

The acting in this film was

admirable but nothing special or extraordinary. Tatum does an adequate job of playing the lower-class boy who wants to find his place in the universe as well as find a woman. Eddie Redmayne and Douglas Booth do satisfactory work as brothers out to try and take control of the universe and bend the rules to meet their means.

Kunis plays her part as the lost princess who can’t seem to make sense of the world around her for about an hour of the film. Yet within one intergalactic trip across space, she has apparently studied and developed a finely-tuned knowledge of intergalactic law.

The story is what kills this film. You have no context for what the heck is going on for the first 45 minutes. Then when explanations are given in regards to what’s happening with Jones, things slowly and almost begrudgingly start to make sense. It shouldn’t take the audience that long to figure out what the next hour of the film will be about.

The one thing that keeps



MILA KUNIS (LEFT) AND DOUGLAS BOOTH in a scene from the new film ‘Jupiter Ascending.’

Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

this film above water and from falling into the theater abyss is its visual effects. “Jupiter Ascending” is a beautiful film visually that has you traveling the universe in a myriad of well-designed and visually-captivating ships, moving from one beautifully-designed planet after the other. It is a real shame the Wachowski brothers chose not to explore even more

worlds.

The action sequences in the film are very appealing as well, but they had a tendency to run too long and had me wondering more about my shopping list than what I was actually viewing.

It is easy to see why this film hasn’t been doing well at the box office and, like other recent Wachowski brothers films, fell well short

of expectations. Thankfully, it will probably win a lot of awards for its special effects. Overall I’d give this film a C.

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that shoulder to cry on.

While she may not realize it at the time, the relationship you are developing with her by always being there is one that she will think back on. It may not happen overnight, and it’s a big risk because this doesn’t necessarily happen all the time. Take the time to invest in her and show that girl you truly care for her, and if she has any sort of brain in between her ears, she will come around.

To Girls: If you find yourself being friend zoned, the best piece of advice I can give to you is to move on. If the guy that friend zoned you can’t see how amazing of a person you are, he is not worth your time.

It won’t be easy, but you deserve someone who will appreciate the real you. There is someone out there for everyone, and the guy that friend zoned you is not worth your time.

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## He says

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remember that girls love attention, but giving attention won’t get you back in the clear.

So if you can’t flirt your way out of the friend zone, what are you to do? You must play it cool and be patient. The best thing you can do: go on dates with other girls.

If you really want to take it to the next level, talk to the friend-zoner about other girls that you’re taking on dates. She’ll already see that you’ve put yourself out there and that you’re dating other people. But when you talk to her about it, she’ll realize that she doesn’t have you like she initially thought. She’ll instantly get jealous — she won’t admit it, of course — and eventually come running back to you.

When she realizes the mistake she’s made, you

can’t let her come back right away. You’ve been suffering in the friend zone: long nights wishing you were with her, going on awkward dates with other girls just to make her jealous, getting desperate and buying her dinner — let’s hope dinner is all you bought her. It’s been rough. She probably doesn’t realize the extent of what you’ve been through. Don’t make her suffer, but let her know that you’re not an easy option. After she’s back, keep her around. This is the girl you want to be with.

Fellas, the dating world is cruel. Stay confident, wear nice shoes and don’t ever let a girl call you “dude.”

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“I grabbed my stuff, and I booked it to the bathroom, and then I just went out the front door,” she said. “I never came back because I was like, dude, who proposes on the second date? I don’t even think he knew my last name. He called me the next day and said, ‘Hey, you know, I was worried about when you left last night, and

I was wondering what went wrong,’ and I’m like, ‘Oh’ and he’s like, ‘Yeah, then I saw the ring on your plate, and I got it.’ And I was like ‘Yeah, sorry.’ He’s like ‘No, me too. That was supposed to be sent to another table.”

Jenkins’ advice to having a smooth Feb. 14 is for guys to take it easy on the cheesy romanticism and for the ladies to not expect so much.

“It’s just a day,” she said.

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some exercise and make a cute new friend.

### 6. Make love

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## David Collette

*Freshman helps lead young USU squad*

► **By Logan Jones**  
asst. sports editor

In the center of an empty Dee Glen Smith Spectrum, a subdued David Collette sits on the court wearing a hoodie and sweats, still an hour away from the start of practice.

Utah State basketball, still the new kid in the tough Mountain West neighborhood, wasn't expected to do much this year after last season's mass exodus left USU's roster with just four returning players — none of whom had much experience shouldering a starting job.

But being picked next-to-last in the conference is far from Collette's mind. The player known to fans for being the emotional catalyst of the team is relaxed, not at all surprised at the Aggies' place in the top half of the conference, two games out of first place.

"For us, that's settling," Collette said. "We know that we're a contender to finish at the top of the league, and that's what we're going for. It's exciting, because going into the tournament, we're going to make a big run and have a chance to win it."

Such a matter-of-fact statement at the start of a season shrouded in so much mystery may have carried with it some hint of overconfidence, but with a win Saturday at New Mexico and an unprecedented offensive display against Nevada on Tuesday, perhaps USU basketball does have a little magic up its sleeve.

To opponents who haven't watched him play in person, the words "freshman forward" don't exactly shout "defensive nightmare." However, Collette's game is that of an experienced veteran, one who learned how to play Stew Morrill basketball as a redshirt freshman in 2011 before leaving for two years on an LDS church service mission.

His return couldn't have come at a better time for the Aggies. Sophomore wing Jalen Moore compliments Collette well, together forcing opponents to pick which threat they'd rather deal with on defense. Moore leads USU in scoring with 15.5 points

per game — Collette is close behind with 13.

Morrill, whose run as the Aggies' head coach will end following this season, played a significant role in Collette's choice to become an Aggie.

"I really liked the coaches. That was the biggest reason I came here," Collette said.

He added that the team was surprised at Morrill's announced retirement but wasted little time in re-focusing on playing basketball.

"We were all really shocked when we first heard about it," Collette said. "I think for a minute everyone was kind of like, we were all wondering, 'What's going to happen next year? What's going to happen now?' but we cleared the air pretty quick and decided we're going to stay right here right now and finish the season strong."

With six games remaining, USU has a chance to threaten San Diego State's hold on the top spot in the MW, playing its next four games against teams in the bottom half of the conference.

"Everybody left last year, and I wasn't really sure what was going to happen," Collette said. "So I just decided to roll with it for the year and see what happened, and it's turned out pretty good so far."

While the Aggies' inexperience has cost them a few winnable games this year, "just rolling with it" has also brought USU some defining victories. Walking out of The Pit with a win is a rarity, especially for a program winless in New Mexico since 1979.

Getting a road win in Boise is also a tall order. The Broncos are 9-1 on their home floor this season. It took Collette heaving a 3-point prayer at the rim as time expired for the final score to favor the Aggies.

"That's basketball," Morrill said following the Boise win. "Every once in a while you get a Hail Mary."

Morrill echoes what every fan in attendance feels about the forward's propensity for big plays. "He's very, very active," Morrill said, "We sometimes forget David's a freshman."

Following a 10-point, four-assist, four-block game at New

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## Making it on the big screen

► **By Logan Jones**  
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It's all fun and games until you get put on the Kiss Cam with your cousin.

It was fall 2011, and Caitlin Taylor was attending her first Utah State football game. The Las Vegas native was visiting her cousin Tony Brown, enjoying a 54-17 beatdown against Weber State — until a bit of half-time entertainment caught the relatives on camera.

"We were just looking at the big screen you know, laughing when the old people kiss, laughing when people do not know they are the screen," Brown said. "And then I saw my face with my cousin. My initial reaction was to escape and get out of the camera frame, but I got caught up in the aisle and was stuck."

20 seconds passed. The camera

operator didn't flinch.

"As people were yelling at me and booing me, I was shouting 'She's my cousin, she's my cousin!'" Brown said. "The people that heard my cries stopped yelling and started laughing, but

there was still a lot of booing going on from the rest of the stadium."

The cousins had fallen victim to the stadium's Kiss Cam, a stand-by time-filler used for breaks in football and basketball games. The excuse to kiss another was, in this instance, unwelcome, much to the displeasure of the rest of the student section.

"I would rather be known as the kid who failed at Kiss Cam than be known as the kid who kissed his cousin," he said.

Brown's uncomfortable appearance on the Kiss Cam wasn't an isolated incident. Several students have been caught sitting next to family members, plutonic friends, and even best friends' boyfriends.

"I went to an Aggie basketball game with two of my guy friends last year," said Elise Frederickson, a USU grad. "The one sitting closest to me had just kissed my best friend the week prior. When the Kiss Cam zoomed in on us, I panicked and told him to kiss me on the cheek and we got booed."

There is no law mandating a kiss must be shared between couples shown on the Kiss Cam, but from the way USU's storied student section responds to those who refuse, kissing may be the easiest out.

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Kylee Larsen photo

**DAVID COLLETTE BLOCKS** Wyoming's Charles Hankerson Jr. Collette had two blocks in the game. So far this season Collette has eight games with at least 3 blocks and 51 total blocks, which ranks fourth in school history. He has scored in double figures 16 of the 24 games he has played in.



# Aggies nipped by Wolf Pack

By Kalen Taylor  
sports editor

Utah State freshman Funda Nakkasoglu led all scorers Wednesday night, but it wasn't enough to fend off the Wolf Pack. Nevada beat Utah State by 49-44 after a late comeback attempt by USU fell short. "I'm really getting tired of these kind of games," said Aggie head coach Jerry Finkbeiner after the game. "We've had a lot of games where we've grinded our way back in, and then we weren't able to hit the big shots at the end and finish." With under two minutes to play, Julianne Anchilng hit a 3-pointer and senior forward Franny Vaaulu got a steal which turned into two Anchling free throws at the other end. Nevada had the ball and a one-point lead with 15 seconds to play. Utah State fouled Nevada guard Emily Burns. Burns was just 1-16 shooting on

the night but made both of her free throws, giving Nevada a three-point advantage. Nakkasoglu missed a 3-point jumper on offense, and Nevada hit two more free throws to end the game. "It's kind of the normal thing for us right now,"

gedi was credited with four blocks but affected many more shots, according to Finkbeiner. On defense Utah State held Nevada to a season-low shooting percentage just under 28 percent. However Nevada also held USU to 28 percent shooting. The Wolf Pack bench gave the team a scoring advantage, out-scoring the Aggie bench 16-8. USU falls to 6-19 on the year and 3-8 in the Mountain West with six more conference games to go and the MW Tournament starting on Mar. 9. "I challenged the older girls tonight to be the first ones on the court and the last ones to leave," Finkbeiner said. "Their time is running out, so it's time for them to make a push to the end."

**JERRY FINKBEINER**  
HEAD COACH

“It’s kind of the normal thing for us right now, but it cannot happen for us in the future. I’m disappointed that we can’t finish off a game, even if it is on the road.”

Finkbeiner said. "But it cannot happen for us in the future. I'm disappointed that we can't finish off a game, even if it is on the road." Nevada center Mimi Mungedi led the game in rebounds and had a team-high 15 points. Coach Finkbeiner said the 6-foot-8-inch Mungedi had a big impact on his team's ability to score in the paint. Mun-

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**HANNAH HUTCHINS PUTS UP A SHOT** against Nevada the first time the two teams met. Hutchins had one point and two rebounds, but coach Jerry Finkbeiner complimented her on her defensive play against a player four inches taller.

## Screen

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"Throughout the game I was getting some angry texts from people that recognized me on screen," Brown said. "The following week, people would stop me on campus because they recognized me from the Kiss Cam fail." Layne Lawson, a videographer for Ciscom media — the company in charge of everything on the big screen during games — has been filming USU fans since fall 2014. He described the process of selecting fans in the crowd as being mostly

random. "They give us a heads up when that portion of the program is coming up," Lawson said. "They'll say, 'Next media timeout we've got Kiss Cam. Find couples in the crowd.'" Lawson added that since student couples are generally more fun for the crowd, he tries to find particularly interesting pairs in the Hurd. Frequently, students appear on-screen that have no intention of kissing each other. That doesn't stop Lawson and his fellow camera-operators from having a little fun. "There was a couple in a game earlier this year. They must have been really good friends," Lawson

said. "They wouldn't kiss each other. We have that happen about every other game. We'll leave it on them to embarrass them for a minute and then switch it off." Despite the potential for embarrassment, Aggie fans like Brown still see the humor in the tradition. "I think the Kiss Cam is super funny," Brown said. "I like how our school has so many True Aggie Nights and the Kiss Cam at every sporting event. Basically, it's just another way of guaranteeing 'first base' if you attend USU."

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**DAVID COLLETTE DUNKS OVER** the top of Josh Adams while playing Wyoming. The Aggies return to action Feb. 18 playing at Fresno State.

## Collette

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Mexico, Collette ranked No. 17 in the nation in shooting percentage with 57.6 percent and 8th in the conference in points per game. All that plus a game-winner to his credit has the freshman thinking this season is going "pretty good." Nothing demonstrates Collette's laid-back style than his pregame ritual — or lack thereof. "Honestly, I come in when I'm supposed to be here. I usually go home and do whatever, watch TV or take a nap or whatever I feel like," Collette said as he laughed. "I'll get ready, and I'll watch TV until it's time to be here down on the court." Collette said the transformation from his relaxed personality to the emotional heart-beat of the team happens in part because of the home crowd. "I've always been an emotional player," Collette said. "I came in thinking I was going to be quiet and do what I do best, but once you start playing here, the crowd loves reactions from the players. That's mainly why I do it — get the crowd pumped and get them more involved in the game." Aggie fans have every reason to cheer for him. With a host of young talent and Morrill's farewell tour in full effect, Collette simmers with the quiet confidence of an athlete who knows how far his team can go, even if he is the new kid on the block.

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Things start heating up while watching a movie on the couch, and you think you're ready to take it to the next level. But then you remember what Coach Carr from Mean Girls had to say about going all the way: "At your age, you're going to have a lot of urges. You're going to want to take off your clothes and touch each other. But if you do touch each other, you will get chlamydia... and die."

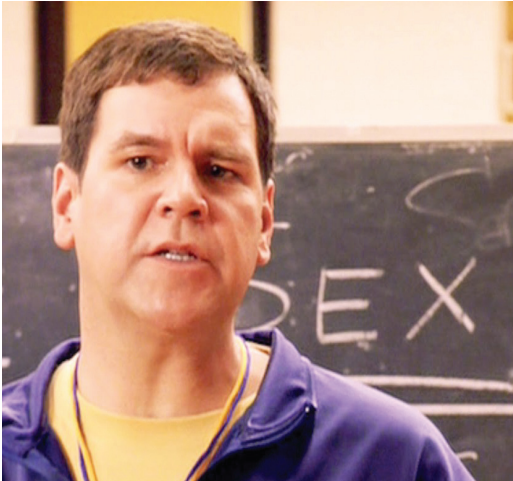
Talk about killing the mood. Chlamydia probably won't kill you, but it can wreak havoc on your body. When left untreated in females, this sexually transmitted infection can cause infertility due to damaged Fallopian tubes or increase the likeliness for high-risk births. For men, chlamydia can cause a myriad of infections and inflammations in the rectum and urethrae.

Talking about STDs and STIs is awkward. The majority of us don't jump for joy at the thought of having "the talk" with a prospective sexual partner. But these

Picture this: it's Valentine's Day and you're on a date with that one attractive person from biology class. Dinner goes well, and you've decided take it back to their place. conversations are an important aspect of leading a sexually-healthy lifestyle, and they must occur more frequently.

What makes this such an awkward topic? It's likely due to the popular perception that only people with multiple sexual partners are contracting these infections and diseases. But this isn't the case. According to the American Sexual Health Association, 50 percent of sexually-active people will contract an STI or STD by the age of 25, and more than half of all people will have an STI or STD in their lifetime. Note that these statistics don't differentiate between individuals with one or 15 sexual partners. We are all part of these statistics. It's time we take ownership of our sexual health and approach this taboo topic.

So how do we do it? I wish I could say there was an awkward-free method of bringing it up, but it can be an uncomfortable conversation. One obvious method is to wait for a private moment and say, "I know it's awkward, but I think we should talk about this..." If your partner is mature enough to value the sexual health of both parties, they'll be willing to talk. Or may-



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be you'll find that it wasn't awkward at all, and life will be grand.

There are many people who, for a variety of reasons, choose to abstain from sexual activity until after marriage. They may be wondering why they need to care about sexual health if they plan to only have one sexual partner in a monogamous relationship. I'd argue there's a chance that at least once in our lives a friend, family member or someone we look out for will ask these questions. And don't we all deserve access to a safe environment to have them answered? If you don't feel comfortable offering that advice, we should know of safe places to send them to get it.

Students have several local options to STI or STD screenings. The Student Health and Wellness Center offers screenings as well as the Bear River Health Department office in Logan. The Logan Health Center, operated by the Planned Parenthood Association of Utah, is another option.

Whether or not you have steamy romantic plans this Valentine's Day, make your sexual health a priority. It's easier to be screened now than endure treatment later.

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Horoscope love forecast: Valentine's Week

- Aries: March 21 - April 19

A moon opposition is telling you to take it easy. Don't put a lot of pressure on yourself or on your sweetheart. Chill out and relax. It's time to catch up on some movies you haven't had a chance to see or enjoy some other light entertainment.
- Taurus: April 20 - May 20

Romance will be full of surprises as the sun stirs up some excitement. Maybe you'll discover that somebody in your circle has a big crush on you. What will you do about it? Or you could start some sort of adventure with your long-time love.
- Gemini: May 21 - June 21

You're likely to feel over-extended as the moon pulls you in too many directions. Don't try to be everything to everybody. You might need to ration the time you spend on each person or each task so you can get everything done.
- Cancer: June 22 - July 22

You might be attracted to someone far more daring and outgoing than you are. It is true that opposites often attract, although that doesn't mean that you will get along with that person in the long-term. Venus says it could be worth testing the waters.
- Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22

You're ready to make a move as Jupiter fills you with energy. Maybe you'll make a wild proposal to your honey and take your relationship to the next step. Or maybe it's time to start dating again after a long time spent alone. Go for it.
- Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Mercury, your planetary ruler, finally goes direct this week. This will give you a much-needed dose of confidence. If you have a job interview or a hot date planned, expect it to go well since you will be at your best. You'll easily charm others.
- Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

You could receive some good news as the sun triggers a breakthrough. Maybe you'll get a raise or a promotion. Others are starting to notice your skills, which is great. Or perhaps you'll find out that the love of your life returns your feelings. It's all good.
- Scorpio: Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

Don't let minor annoyances turn you cranky and negative. A moon square is heightening your desire to complain, but don't ruin everybody else's day. Release stress by working out, walking your dog or spending down time with your sweetheart.
- Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Jupiter is making you lucky just now. It's time to do something crazy and take a risk. Buy a lottery ticket. Apply for a high-paying job that you're not even qualified for. Ask that gorgeous guy or stunning girl out for a hot date.
- Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan.19

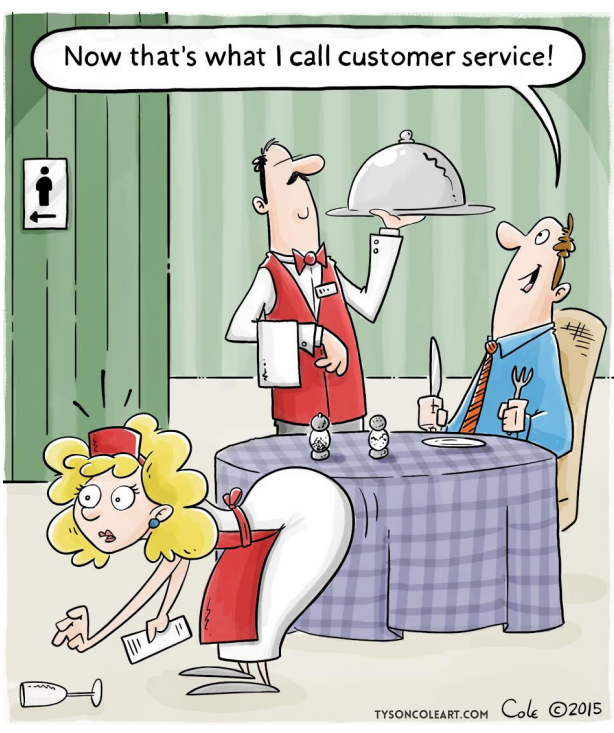
You'll need to listen to your intuition as the moon reminds you that there are many unseen influences affecting your love relationship. If you get the sense that your honey needs something from you, give it without hesitation.
- Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

A bouncy sun is putting you in a silly and playful mood. You'll want to tell jokes, perform, or create a work of art. Or you'll enjoy sharing funny stories with your friends, family and significant other. Spread some light and laughter.
- Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20

You'll be great at solving problems this week, thanks to a perceptive moon. And you'll be able to analyze situations from your past to figure out what went wrong. It's a good time to access insight about those relationships that didn't work out.



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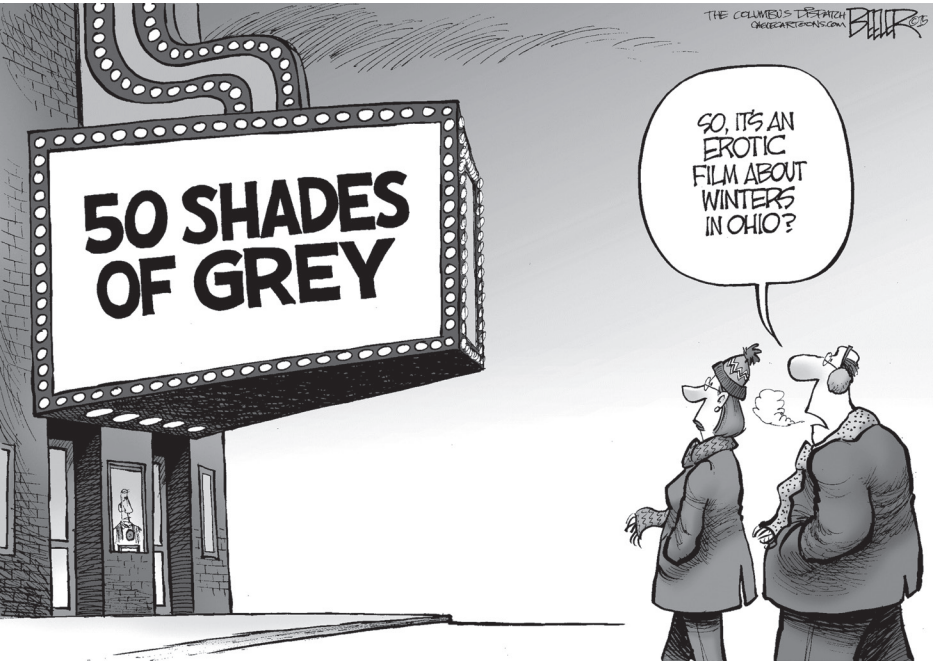
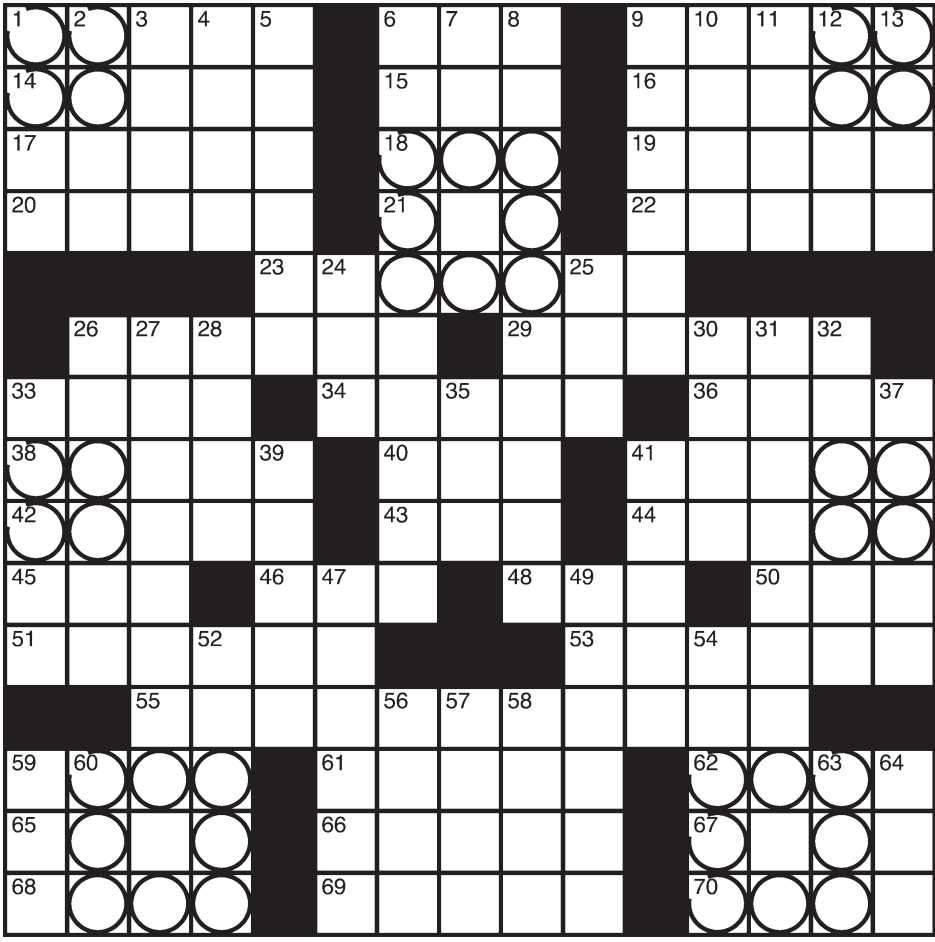
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## Irony rings true when Williams first met Stewart

► By Patrick Kevin Day  
Los Angeles Times

TNS — News of Brian Williams' six-month suspension from "NBC Nightly News" and Jon Stewart's planned departure from "The Daily Show" happened on the same day, linking both men in the media news cycle. In a way, it's fitting, because Stewart and Williams have gotten friendly over the years.

Williams has been a guest on "The Daily Show" more than 20 times in Stewart's 17 years as host, but his first appearance in 2003 features some sad ironies when viewed in light of where Williams stands today.

When he first appeared, Williams was in line to succeed Tom Brokaw as anchor and had already been to Iraq and delivered his report on the downed Chinook helicopter. At the time, Dan Rather was still anchor of "The CBS Evening News" and Stewart took a few jabs at the diminished reputations of both anchors.

Brokaw "is losing it," Stewart said. "He is so not losing it," Williams responded. "Every day, I joke with folks at NBC, he becomes larger."

In the days leading up to Williams' suspension, as rumors swirled in the media about the anchor's possible fate, there was a Page Six report that Brokaw was asking for Williams to be fired. That report was denied by Brokaw and NBC, but it served to highlight just how large a presence the former anchor still has in the NBC News division.

After Williams mounted a passionate appraisal of Brokaw's icon status, Stewart countered by saying, "But Dan Rather is losing it."

Rather would lose his CBS anchor chair in 2005 after controversy surrounding a report about President George W. Bush's service in the Na-

tional Guard during the Vietnam War. After stepping down from "The CBS Evening News," Rather remained with the network until 2006 when his contract was not renewed and he left to host "Dan Rather Reports" on AXS TV.

But it's Williams' comments about how anchors should behave on and off the news that hold the most interest. It wasn't Williams' initial report from Iraq in 2003 that got him into trouble, but the exaggerated and untrue versions that he subsequently told on talk shows, and later on the nightly news itself, that ultimately proved to be his undoing.

During a discussion of political biases, Williams said, "When you see these correspondents on various Sunday shows, who have an opinion Sunday morning and then go back to covering the news Monday, that can be a little dicey."

"Our work, I can speak for NBC News, our newsroom... talk about checks and balances, it goes through an inordinate number of editors," Williams said. "Every word I write, before it goes on air, goes through all kinds of traps and filters and it's read by all kinds of different people who point out biases."

Perhaps if someone had been checking facts during Williams' Jan. 30 report on Tim Terpak, they would have caught his most recent false reporting on the Iraq helicopter incident.

"People check what you do?" Stewart said.

"It is hard to believe," Williams said. "We gotta get one of them," Stewart said.

"We have a whole slew of people," Williams said.

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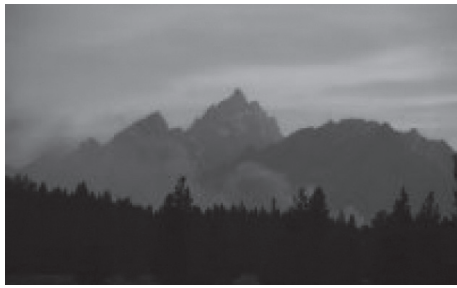
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# CALENDAR

## Thursday, Feb. 12

High: 54 | Low: 34 | Partly cloudy

- Jazz Night at the Sky Club | Logan Golf & Country Club | \$20-\$100, 7:00 pm
- Sky High Players Present: Once Upon a Mattress | Sky View High School Auditorium | \$3.50-\$24. Get ticket prices at <https://sites.google.com/a/ccsdut.org/sky-high-players/>, 7:00 pm
- Little Women | Ellen Eccles Theater | \$14-\$19, 7:30 pm
- Fry Street Quartet | USU Performance Hall, USU Campus | \$5-\$15, 7:30 pm
- Exhibitions ‘Black Mountain College: Shaping Craft + Design’ and ‘Relational Forms’ | Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art | Free; Suggested \$3 donation per person, All Day
- Crafting a Continuum: Rethinking Contemporary Craft | Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art | Free, All Day
- Relational Expressions: The Art of Everett C. Thorpe | Chase Fine Arts Center at USU | Free, All Day

## Friday, Feb. 13

High: 57 | Low: 36 | Sunny

- The Artists’ Gallery | The Bullen Center | Free, 6:00 pm
- Valentine Dinner & Concert | American West Heritage Center | \$75, 7:00 pm
- Jazz Night at the Sky Club | Logan Golf & Country Club | \$50, 7:00 pm
- Jazz Night at the Sky Club | Logan Golf & Country Club | \$20-\$100, 7:00 pm
- Music of the Heart | Logan Tabernacle | Free, 7:00 pm
- Sky High Players Present: Once Upon a Mattress | Sky View High School Auditorium | \$3.50-\$24. Get ticket prices at <https://sites.google.com/a/ccsdut.org/sky-high-players/>, 7:00 pm
- USU Humans vs. Zombies ‘Last Night on Campus’ | USU Jon M. Huntsman School of Business (Lobby) | \$5-\$20. \$15/team (4-5 players) \$5/person for early registration, 7:00 pm
- Little Women | Ellen Eccles Theater | \$14-\$19, 7:30 pm
- Mojave Nomads, Panthermilk | Why Sound | \$5, 8:00 pm

- Latin Dance Night | Spring Creek Fitness | \$5, 9:15 pm
- Mojave Desert, Panthermilk | Why Sound | \$5, 8:00 pm
- The Antics Improv Comedy Show | Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre | \$0-\$5, 9:30 pm
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## Saturday, Feb. 14

High: 59 | Low: 36 | Partly cloudy

- Raven Spirit | Caffe Ibis | Free, 1:00 pm
- Little Women | Ellen Eccles Theater | \$14-\$19, 1:30 pm, 7:30 pm
- Once Upon a Mattress | Sky View High School Auditorium | \$3.50-\$24. Get ticket prices at <https://sites.google.com/a/ccsdut.org/sky-high-players/>, 7:00 pm
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## Sunday, Feb. 15

High: 54 | Low: 26 | Rainy

- Live Music by the Twin Flames | Caffe Ibis | Free, 2:00 pm

## Monday, Feb. 16

High: 37 | Low: 27 | Snowy

- No school - Presidents Day
- Little Women | Ellen Eccles Theater | \$14-\$19, 7:30 pm
- Jerry Joseph and the Jackmormons | Why Sound | \$15-\$25, 8:00 pm

This issue dedicated to:



Chelsea Yoshikawa | freshman international business and finance Clifton Park, NY

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